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ROME FOR FODAG

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TAGS: AORG, WFC

SUBJECT: 5TH WFC SESSION

REF: (A) BAKER/BYRNES TELCON, (B) STATE 162876

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